

STORM CLAIMS VICTIM NEAR ROSEBURG--MAN CRUSHED

Roseburg, Ore., March 10.—Dan Cox, a well known young man of this place, was instantly killed by a falling tree during the heavy wind at 11 o'clock last night. The accident occurred on Union creek, in the Cow Creek mountains, about 30 miles southwest of Riddle, at which place Cox, in company with Fred Pilkington, of this city, and Herbert Leonard, of Cottage Grove, had been in camp for the past two weeks. Pilkington, who left Herbert with the body, arrived in this city at noon today, and notified Coroner Twitchell of the accident. The remains will be brought here tomorrow. The substance of Pilkington's story of the accident is as follows:

"It seems to me that Dan had a presentiment of what was to happen, for early in the evening he lifted four candles and placing them in a row remarked, 'We'll just have a little wake here tonight.' When we retired Dan was the last one to bed and he turned in on the outside, opposite me. Leonard being in the middle. As we retired we could hear the trees falling farther up the mountain and he remarked that should a tree fall across us in the night and pit us all down it would be

a good idea to have a gun handy, so we could kill one another, for it would be hard to have to lie there and starve. "We all went to sleep and were awakened by a loud cracking noise. I heard the branches of the falling tree brush the tent and called to the boys. Herbert rolled over on his face and started to raise up, when the tree demolished the tent and fell diagonally across Dan's head, killing him instantly. The tree did not miss Herbert's head over six inches and mine not over a foot and a half. Herbert and I crawled out from under the demolished tent and tree branches and I struck a light and called to Dan. He did not answer and I pulled up the tent and saw that his head was under the tree. I pulled his pillow out and found it was covered with blood. Then I found that his skull was crushed and that his brains were oozing out. We removed the tree and as soon as it was daylight I came to Nichols station and notified the people there and sent a man to the scene of the accident and then came to Roseburg."

Cox was about 30 years of age and a native of this state and he lived in Roseburg most of his life. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Alma Cox, of this city,

CHURCH SERVICES.

Baptist—The usual services will be observed tomorrow.

Norwegian Danish M. E. Church—Rev. C. J. Larsen, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

M. E. Church—The pastor, W. S. Grim, will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the sermons will be "The Guest Chamber," and "Who Can Read the Future?" Sunday school at 12:15 and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Mark Wolf will lead the league meeting from the subject, "Appetites That Unmake Men." Let every member of the church be present at least in the morning.

SPRING TRADE STACKS UP.

Reports From Over Country Shows Deficit Over Last Year.

New York, March 11.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the international mercantile agency throughout the United States show that spring trade, now about completed, has fallen 10 or 15 per cent behind the total volume distributed in the first two months in 1903. The difference is not so great at New York, but merchants find the movement of dry goods, clothing, shoes and groceries about equal to that of a year ago, but at St. Louis and Louisville there are gains this year over last. Minneapolis and St. Paul report that the northwest is very conservative, and that business is about 10 per cent less than in March last, while at Philadelphia the falling off in metals and some other lines is as much as 20 per cent. Pittsburg has felt a like decline, but says recent large purchases point to the long-awaited turn in the tide.

Special inquiry as to winter wheat shows that east of the Mississippi recent weather conditions have been favorable. Larger New York city contractors expect the total will about equal that of last year. Philadelphia and Chicago each report a tendency toward a decrease in industrial wages. Leading metal and agricultural prices incline higher.

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The storm passed rapidly in the southeast, carrying rain and high winds with it. Heavy snow fell in the Sierras, and the wind was exceptionally high in land as well as at sea.

Showers and sunshine alternated in this city today and shortly before noon there was a heavy fall of hail. No serious floods have been reported from the river districts.

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